

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

What is claimed is:

1. (Withdrawn) A diagnostic agent for malignant melanoma, which comprises an antibody against GPC3, or a probe or a primer capable of detecting GPC3 expression.
2. (Withdrawn) A kit for diagnosing malignant melanoma, which comprises an antibody against GPC3, or a probe or a primer capable of detecting GPC3 expression.
3. (Currently Amended) A diagnostic method for malignant melanoma, which comprises detecting or measuring GPC3 in a sample from a subject believed to be at risk of malignant melanoma.
4. (Currently Amended) The diagnostic method according to claim 3, which comprises causing a the sample to come into contact with an antibody against GPC3.
5. (Currently Amended) The diagnostic method according to claim 3, which comprises quantifying GPC3 in a the sample.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) The diagnostic method according to claim 4, which comprises quantifying GPC3 in a the sample.
8. (Previously Presented) A diagnostic method for malignant melanoma, comprising diagnosing malignant melanoma with a kit for diagnosing malignant melanoma which comprises an antibody against GPC3, or a probe or a primer capable of detecting GPC3 expression.